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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
 Michael Griffin Hayek et al. : Confirmation No. 3312
 Serial No. 09/845,941 : Group Art Unit 1617
 Filed April 30, 2001 : Examiner Mojdeh Bahar

For Pet Food Compositions For Reducing Inflammatory Response In Cats

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, for one month, from September 16, 2004 to October 16, 2004. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$110 for the extension, plus any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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